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NSSO DATA ON POOR PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has got nationwide survey conducted through the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) to find out the total number of poor people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of poor in the country is increasing very fast as per the survey;

(d) if so, the details of other indicators pointed out in the survey; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for alleviating poverty and starvation in the country and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) No, Sir. National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) has not carried out any survey to find out the total number of poor people in the country.

(b), (c) & (d) Does not arise.

(e) Various poverty alleviation schemes like National Rural Employment Gurantee Scheme (NREGS), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sarak Yojna, Indira Awas Yojna, Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojna, Swaranjyanti Gram Swarojgar Yojna etc. being implemented by various central ministries for alleviating poverty.